



EAST OTERO SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1
301 RATON AVENUE
LA JUNTA, COLORADO 81050

BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting

July 12, 2021

1. **ROLL CALL** – Ayala, Backes, Bickel, Derbigny and Leyba.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Personnel**

Remove Rhonda Jaramillo from the personnel approval
 5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - D. **Approve Change Order for Tiger Field - Change Order attached 7-12-21**
4. **STUDENT RECOGNITION – ANYA AND ZOE MILLER**

The Board congratulated Anya Miller for her virtual participation in the 2021 National Speech and Debate competition. Zoe Miller who also participated was unable to attend. Anya represented La Junta High School and competed against 300+ students from around the country with her Original Oratory speech about rural poverty and the effects on rural students called “Dare to Dream”.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**
 - A. **Personnel Approval**
 - Lacey Byron - Resignation as Social Studies Teacher at La Junta Junior/Senior High School effective June 30, 2021
 - Traci Johnson - Resignation at Math Teacher at La Junta Junior/Senior High School effective August 2, 2021
 - B. **Approve Compliance Report for the 2020-2021 school year**
 - C. **Approve Resolution Which Addresses Remote Learning for the 2021-2022 School Year**
6. **MINUTES**

Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 14, 2021 and Special Meeting on June 24, 2021. **APPROVED AS PRINTED**
7. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent Lovato updated the Board on the bus barn construction project. He said the floor has been poured and the doors are installed and lock. The electrical and indoor fire suppression systems are currently being worked on. Superintendent Lovato said by the end of the month he is looking at having the buses parked in the garage. The transportation office will stay in the Tiger Trades Academy building until the office in the bus barn can be completed.

A special Board meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, June 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Lovato took a moment to thank Mrs. Reisch for her hard work covering the HR department and training a new staff member.

Superintendent Lovato informed the Board he would like to hire a few high school students to help the maintenance and custodial departments during the summer. This will help our staff as well as give the students some work experience. He said he would like to hire two students per building.

Regarding next school year, Superintendent Lovato said the state has given more leeway to districts and he is not planning on requiring masks for students at any grade level. He will have a formal plan for contingencies.

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Director Derbigny asked if there is any data on how many staff members have been vaccinated for Covid. Superintendent Lovato said there is not, but he believes around 40% have.

Director Derbigny asked if the district has a position of an in-house sub. Superintendent Lovato said yes as there are daily coverage needs in each building. Last year these subs were called classroom supervisors and were paid with by ESSER funds.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve Rotary Membership (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300.00 AS PRESENTED**
- b. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for School Resource Officer (Lovato) **TABLED UNTIL JULY 21, 2021 MEETING**
- c. Approve Odysseyware Renewal (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,750.00 AS PRESENTED**
- d. Approve Change Order for Tiger Field (Lovato) **APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$358,653.00 AS PRESENTED**
- e. Approve Revised Regulation ID-R (Lovato) **APPROVED ON FIRST/REVISED/FINAL READING AS PRESENTED**
- f. Approve Revised Policies CBB, GDBC, IC/ICA, IHCDA, JEB, JLCB and JLCD (Lovato) **APPROVED ON FIRST/REVISED READING AS PRESENTED**
- g. Approve Revised Regulations JLCB-R and JLCD-R and Exhibit JLCD-E (Lovato) **APPROVED ON FIRST/REVISED/FINAL READING AS PRESENTED**
- h. Declare a Critical Shortage of Teachers and Bus Drivers (Lovato) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

9. BOARD COMMENTS

- ✓ Director Backes requested a change in how the financial report is presented after large purchases are approved. She would like the Board to have more financial responsibility and oversight. Director Backes would like the Board to be well informed in making purchase decisions. She also thanked Mrs. Reisch for her extra work.
- ✓ Director Ayala asked if the district is advertising the open positions due to declaring a critical shortage. Superintendent Lovato said plans are to get a social media campaign going. Director Ayala shared a zip code area can be targeted when advertising on social media. She asked if registration is going to be an all-school registration in Tiger Gym as in the past. Superintendent Lovato said registration will be in each building and will be similar to last year. She also asked if online registration is open. Superintendent Lovato said it is and Director Ayala would like that to be advertised so parents know.
- ✓ Director Backes asked for a summer school update at the special meeting next week. She would also like to have a shout out to one of our students and his fundraising efforts for new flags. She said Riley Remick's fundraiser was inspiring and said she feels this is inspiring and wants to acknowledge how awesome and courageous he was for doing that.

15. ADJOURNMENT – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25 p.m.

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